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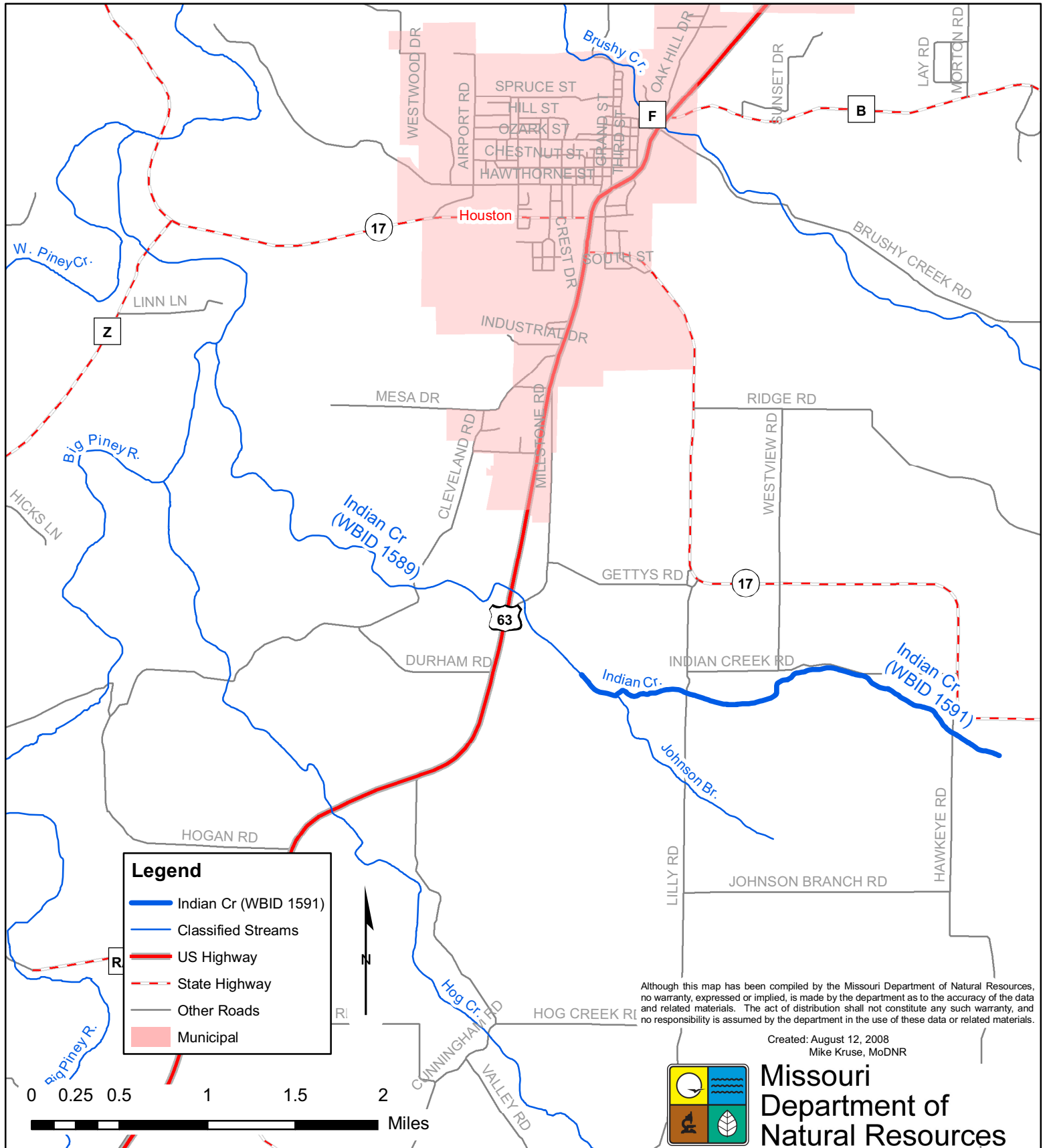
Public Comment Period
May 21, 2008 – August 31, 2008

**Indian Creek
WBID #1589**

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Indian Creek WBID 1591





"Brad Eidson"
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07/15/2008 08:15 AM

To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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Subject Indian Creek

I recently became aware that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources have included Indian Creek on a list of water bodies recommended for exemption from Federal Clean Water ACT protection. Public comments were to be made prior to July 21, 2008.

As I understand the exemption, all sewer agencies and other facilities will be allowed to release bacteria-laden water into Indian Creek east of Highway 63. I am not certain what "sewer agencies" or "other facilities" are. However, it sounds as if there will be no restriction whatsoever concerning the amount of raw sewage that can be dumped into Indian Creek. Are we to assume that large tanker trucks that empty septic systems in the rural communities will be allowed to simply back up to Indian Creek and dump entire truck loads of raw sewage into the stream? Will the City of Houston be considered a "sewer agency" and be to simply run a pipe out east of Highway 63 and dump the City's sewage directly into Indian Creek?

Indian Creek is within a few hundred yards of the city limits of Houston. There is a subdivision extremely close to Indian Creek. The subdivision is west of Highway 63, which is immediately downstream. Children have historically played in Indian Creek, especially west of 63 Highway.

The City of Houston is currently installing a 4.5 million dollar sewer facility in order to treat raw sewage before it is dumped into Piney River. Indian Creek also runs into Piney River. It is a very short distance from where Indian Creek crosses 63 Highway to Piney River. The Big Piney River is a source of local pride and pleasure. All of the communities in this county are sensitive to any pollution of the Big Piney River.

Needless to say, I am opposed to Indian Creek being included in a list which will exempt it from Federal Clean Water Act protections. Not only do I believe its proximity to Houston will create a foul odor in our community, but I also think it will greatly and adversely affect one of the more pristine rivers of this State - the Big Piney River.

Cordially Yours,

Brad D. Eidson
7805 Westwood Drive
Houston, MO 65483

UAA COORDINATOR

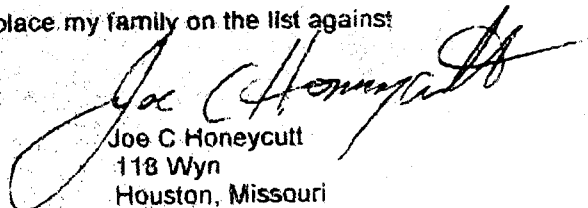
I was surprised and troubled after I read the artical in the paper pertaining to the purposed exemption from the state bacteria standards in Indian creek near houston. My wife and kids and myself have spent many hours enjoying the beauty of the stream on and near Indian creek and the piney river that Indian creek flows in to. We enjoy floating, swimming and fishing as often as we can we have already this year have floated and fished near Indian Creek. as stated in the paper the area would be or could Be Affected BY Contaminated Sewage !

Many persons have been protecting Missouri's Stearns for several Years and to consider this change would be very bad idea.

Why does the DNR require any city to spend many millions of dollars to build and maintain City sewage systems if such a Exemption would even be considered?

I do not understand what has motivated the purposed action concerning this and I would like to know why. The first idea that comes to mind is perhaps dairy operators in the area might want the currant standards to be altered ? No other excuse comes to mind and I don't think that would be a wise change for the citizens of Missouri,texas county or the local public.

Again please reconsider this Exemption and place my family on the list against this .


Joe C Honeycutt
118 Wyn
Houston, Missouri

Legitimate arborists rarely go door-to-door to solicit business," said NADP President John Rosenow. "Make sure you are dealing with a reputable individual or tree-care firm when you contemplate repairs or removal of any trees on your property."

Texas County Streams Recommended For Exemption from Pollution Rules

Public Comment Period Open Until July 21, Environmental Coalition Says

Two streams in Texas County won't be subject to state bacteria standards if exemptions for them are approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has recently included them on a list of water bodies recommended for exemption from federal Clean Water Act protections, according to the Missouri Coalition for the Environment.

The affected streams are:

- Indian Creek, east of U.S. 63 about two miles south of Holston
- Spring Creek, about three miles northwest of Licking

If the streams are exempted, sewer agencies and other facilities will be allowed to continue releasing bacteria-laden water into them. The Clean Water Commission will be accepting public comments on the proposed stream exemptions until July 21.

Anyone who uses the above streams may want to provide comments to urge keeping needed pro-

tections.

— Ask for current certificates of insurance proving they are insured for property damage, personal liability and worker compensation.

— When possible, hire certified members of a professional association, such as the Missouri

and other debris and whether the price includes stump removal.

The NADP, based in Nebraska City, Neb., is dedicated to encouraging people to "plant, nurture and celebrate trees."

For more information, visit <http://www.arborday.org/>.

tections, the group said. If people have used these streams at any time since 1975 for swimming or other activities where they could get water in their eyes, ears or mouth, full water-quality protections must be put in place. With full clean water protections, sewer agencies will be required to disinfect the wastewater they discharge.

Comments should therefore include details of how, when and where the stream is or was used. They should also include similar information about any other uses, such as wading, boating or fishing, since these also expose people to bacteria and viruses and should require at least some level of protection.

Sewage that has not been disinfecting may contain viruses, parasites and other pathogens that can make people sick with ear infections, typhoid fever, hepatitis, gastroenteritis, dysentery and other illnesses, the group said. Pathogens such as fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria are indicators of poor wa-

ter quality and contamination with human waste. Waters with elevated levels of fecal coliform and E. coli bacteria are unsafe to swim in or for children to play in.

Maps of streams recommended for exemption, along with a comment form people can fill out, can be found on MCE's Web site (www.mceenviro.org/UAA.asp).

Additional information about the above streams and an online stream survey comment form are available at MCE's Web site (www.mceenviro.org/wpp/wgstandards/uaa-county.htm) by clicking on Texas County.

Comments on any of these streams may also be mailed to UAA Coordinator, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102, e-mailed to john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov or faxed to 573-522-9920.

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Recreational Use of Your Stream

Name: STEVE HUTCHESON
 Address: 987 CLEVELAND RD HOUSTON, MO 65483
 Phone Number: (417) 967-2822 E-mail address: askhutz@centurytel.net
 Stream name: Indian Creek WBID (if known): 1591

What county is the stream in? TEXAS

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?
 Yes X No

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

Swimming Playing Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
 Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other:

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes X No If so, how? Swimming & Fishing
Angling

What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

EAST OF HWY 63 BRIDGE 100-200 YARDS AND WEST OF 63
BRIDGE TO CLEVELAND ROAD

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?
 Yes X No

How have others, to your knowledge, used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

Swimming Playing Fishing Wading Water skiing Snorkeling Skin diving
 Tubing Kayaking Canoeing Trapping Other:

Do you know of others ever using the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes X No If so, how? Swimming, Fishing, Wading
Fishing

What stretches of the stream did they use? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

SAME AS ABOVE

Signature Steve Hutcheson Date 07/19/2008

Mail to: John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102,
 or Fax: 573-522-9920, or Email: john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

Please use the back if you need more space to answer questions or to provide additional information or maps



"Steve Hutcheson "
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07/20/2008 09:53 PM

To john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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Subject Indian Creek WBID 1591 Stream Exemption

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Houston, Missouri to formally oppose the exemption of Indian Creek, WBID 1591, from releasing bacteria laden water into the stream. This is a stream that is directly south of our city limits and includes property that the city hopes to annex at some time in the future. We are well aware of DNR regulations concerning water quality within our current boundaries and this is an area that we would hope to keep as clean as possible until we have the opportunity to acquire part or all of it.

On a personal note, this is a stream that I grew up on and my parents owned until 2005. Until that time, myself and my family used the stream on a regular basis for fishing, swimming and froging in the summer. In recent years, with little rain fall, Indian Creek shows the current condition of upstream pollution from septic systems, cattle operations and other natural runoff. Any additional uncontrolled bacterial discharge east of the Hwy 63 bridge would only further degrade the stream, which as you know, eventually ends up in the Piney River.

Thank you for accepting my comments. Feel free to contact me by phone at 417-967-2822 (home), 967-4139 (work) or City Hall 967-3348.

Sincerely,

Steve Hutcheson
Mayor-City of Houston, MO.



"Steve Hutcheson "
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08/12/2008 09:40 PM

To "Anne Peery" <anne.peery@dnr.mo.gov>

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Subject Re: Comment on Indian Creek UAA

Ms. Peery,

From 1961 until my family sold the farm in 2005 our primary swimming and fishing hole was approximately 100 yards west of the Hwy 63 bridge. This area regularly fills with gravel and then is flushed clean with spring rains. There is also an area approximately one-half mile west of the Hwy 63 bridge that was also a good open body of water. It had a rock bottom and was used for fishing, swimming and was deep enough to irrigate our hay fields out of. I have not been in these areas since we sold the property, but the current owner says the areas are still open and clear because of the wet spring and summer that we have had. We would also walk upstream from our property and would wade and catch minnows and crawfish for fishing, under and just east of the Hwy 63 bridge. The water in this area was always at least knee deep, and sometimes deeper, at certain times of the year.

If I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Hutcheson

----- Original Message -----

From: [Anne Peery](#)

To: [Steve Hutcheson](#)

Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2008 8:32 AM

Subject: Comment on Indian Creek UAA

Mr. Hutcheson,

We are reviewing all the comments we have received telling us how Missouri citizens use their creeks and I am trying to pin down exactly where swimming and wading, etc., occur.

Regarding your e-mailed comment (attached) on Indian Creek in Texas County: You mentioned that you grew up on this stream and used it regularly for recreation during the summer. Can you tell me where your property was in relation to Hwy 63?

Thank you for your comment and help,

Anne Peery

Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Developer

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Water Protection Program

573-526-1426

anne.peery@dnr.mo.gov



Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Stream Usage Survey

1. Stream Name (Please enter the full name) Indian Creek (Texas County)

2. County (Please enter the county or counties where the use occurs) Texas

3. City or Town (Please enter city or town closest to the area of use) Houston, MO

4. Where do you use the stream? If use occurs in multiple locations, please list them all below. (Please be specific so the location can be identified on a map, e.g., 9th Street Bridge, Anytown City Park, Quarter Section-Township-Range, Latitude/Longitude, etc).

I do not personally use the stream, except on occasion when I fish near where it flows into the Big Piney River

5. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #6 ☐ No If No, go to Question #11

6. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Swimming ☐ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

7. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

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8. Have you or your family personally used the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☒ Fishing ☐ Wading ☐ Boating ☐ Trapping

9. How many times per year have you or your family personally used the stream for these activities?

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10. How many of these times did children wade or play in the stream?

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11. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for recreation since Nov. 28, 1975?

☒ Yes If Yes, go to Question #12 ☐ No If No, go to Question #17

12. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following whole body contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☐ Swimming ☐ Tubing ☐ Snorkling/Skin Diving ☐ Water Skiing

13. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

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numerous

14. Have you observed or heard of others using the stream at this site(s) for any of the following secondary contact recreation activities? Please select all that apply:

☒ Fishing ☒ Wading ☐ Boating ☐ Trapping

15. How many times per year have you observed or heard of others using the stream for these activities?

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16. How many of these times did you observe or hear of children wading or playing in the stream?

0
numerous

17. Do you have additional comments you would like to provide the department regarding this stream?

I feel it would be a very bad decision to exempt this small stream from pollution control. I cross the Indian Creek daily at a low water bridge on Cleveland Rd, going to work in Houston, MO. It is used frequently by families to let their small children to wade in. It is a very pretty stream and in a tributary to the Big Piney

18. In the event the department has questions, please provide the following contact information:

(next page)

First Name: Last Name:
Address 1: Address 2:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone Number: () ext. E-mail:
967 2722

Thank you for taking time to complete our stream use survey. We appreciate your interest and involvement in protecting and preserving the quality of Missouri's waters. If you have questions or additional comments, please contact John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-1446, by e-mail at cleanwater@dnr.mo.gov, or by mail at P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0176.



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River, on of the finest recreational streams in southern Missouri. As a hobby, I deal in scrap metal, a highly lucrative business in light of current metal prices. Whater better place to dump hazardous waste (which is not allowed on the salvage yard premises) than a stream that is not policed. You are considering exempting Indian Creek. Which creek will be next? All local streams feed into the Big Piney River which I have fished for over 50 years. The Big Piney has struggled for the past several years in maintaining decent water quality. With the decline in the otter population, fishing has greatly improved during the past year. I would certainly like to discuss this further at your convenience.

Recreational Use of Your Stream

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WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

Name: Richard Steckler
Address: PO Box 589
Houston MO 65483
Phone Number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Stream name: INDIAN CREEK WBID (if known): 1591

What county is the stream in? Texas

Have you or your family used this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?
Yes ☒ No ☐

How have you and your family used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

Swimming ☒ Playing ☒ Fishing ☒ Wading ☒ Water skiing ☐ Snorkeling ☐ Skin diving
Tubing ☐ Kayaking ☐ Canoeing ☐ Trapping ☐ Other: _____

Has anyone in your family, including children, ever used the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ☒ No ☐ If so, how? Granddaughters
spashing, picking up logs and rocks

What stretches of the stream have your family used? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

Between Hwy 63 and Cleveland Road

Do you know of others using this stream for recreation at any time since November 28, 1975?
Yes ☒ No ☐

How have others, to your knowledge, used the stream? Please circle all that apply:

Swimming ☒ Playing ☐ Fishing ☐ Wading ☐ Water skiing ☐ Snorkeling ☐ Skin diving
Tubing ☐ Kayaking ☐ Canoeing ☐ Trapping ☐ Other: _____

Do you know of others ever using the stream in a way where they might have accidentally ingested water? Yes ☒ No ☐ If so, how? Swimming, spashing each
other, etc.

What stretches of the stream did they use? Describe locations as accurately as you can by means of distance from landmarks, bridges, streets, highways, or property lines (example: 150 yards downstream from Hwy EE bridge). Feel free to draw (on back) or include a map.

Between Hwy 63 and Cleveland Road

Signature Richard H Steckler Date 11 Jul 08

Mail to: John Hoke, UAA Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102,
or Fax: 573-522-9920, or Email: john.hoke@dnr.mo.gov

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